

An email from the neighbour of 80 Hillrow had also been received setting out his objections to the application and this was conveyed to the Parish Council during their discussion but mainly related to boundary issues, which are a legal matter and not under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Bush seconded that the change of use to garden land should be accepted but a condition must be imposed to remove permitted development rights to erect buildings on that land. Motion carried by a show of 8 hands. Cllr G Wilson abstained.

13. REPORT FROM CLLR HUGO REGARDING DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING FOR TEMPORARY MAST AT BERRY FEN

Cllr Hugo had attended the District Council Planning Meeting on 2nd April when Planning Application 13/01102/FUL for the erection of a temporary anemometer mast at Berry Fen was considered. He put forward all of the Parish Councils objections, which had been submitted previously. Mr Steve Cheetham also spoke on behalf of parishioners objecting to the application. REG Windpower presented their case but advised that they would not release the findings of the data collected from the mast and that they intend to submit a planning application for the actual wind farm in summer 2014. Permission was granted by the committee for the mast to be erected.

Cllr G Wilson is a member of the District Planning Committee and he explained to the Parish Council that he had voted in favour of permission being granted because the committee has to follow certain rules and can only refuse an application on planning grounds. Once this has happened the applicant can appeal to the Planning Inspector who could grant permission and order costs to be paid by the District Council. Cllr Wilson felt that it was inevitable that the mast would be approved and he therefore voted for it but ensured that an additional statement was recorded against the permission stating: "The anemometer has been approved on the basis of an assessment of the temporary impacts associated with this particular type of development. This decision does not in any way prejudice the future consideration of any application for wind turbines on that site. Any such application would be considered on its own merits in accordance with local and National Policy".

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Bush seconded that a letter should be sent to the Planning Officer stating that the Parish Council is disappointed but accepts the approval decision by the Planning Committee. However, the Council would insist that the anemometer data should be collected for a minimum of 12 months before a planning application is submitted and should be made available, as recommended in the PPS22 Companion Guide, at the very least to the Planning Officer for this case. Motion carried by a show of 7 hands. Cllrs Norman and G Wilson abstained.

14. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL DOG BINS

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Page seconded that two dog bins should be purchased at a cost of £159.67 + VAT each, one to be sited near the bottom end of the Non Conformist Burial Ground and the other in Lode Way near the sign post at the end of Hod Hall Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

(Litter Act 1982 ss 5,6)

15. SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Some councillors had found it difficult to hear properly at the March meeting due to the seating arrangement but the Clerk had sorted it out with the Caretaker prior to the meeting and everyone agreed it was better. Cllr Tindall wondered if the May meeting could be held in Room 2 to assess if it was quieter than Room 1 and the Clerk will enquire with Vic Ford if this is possible.

16. QUOTES FOR LAND REGISTRATION WORK

(See Minutes FC 03/2014 Item 20) The Clerk had obtained two alternative quotes for registration of the parish land and it was agreed that Ward Gethin Archer of Ely should be asked to carry out the work on behalf of the Parish Council at an estimated cost of £1340.

(Land Registration Act 2000 ss 4 & 58)

17. ALDRETH TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr Page seconded that Aldreth Community Association should be given permission to have responsibility for the Aldreth telephone box, to be used for advertising events in the